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ALCOHOLIC DRINK

## **AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated December 18, 209, please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.